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THE SCHOLARSHIP

**EXPLORE & APPLY**















## The Mandela Rhodes Scholarship is a life-changing leadership journey.

The scholarship combines financial support with a leadership programme that will challenge you, grow you, and connect you to young African changemakers — just like you.



### The leadership development programme



### Financial support

The Mandela Rhodes Scholarship offers

Our programme is built on our founding principles of reconciliation, education, entrepreneurship, and leadership, and a belief that leadership begins with inner transformation.

We aim to keep Nelson Mandela's legacy alive by equipping young African leaders with the competence and courage to transform the continent into a place where everyone has equal opportunity to thrive. Our programme is delivered primarily through a series of week-long residential workshops which you will attend during your time in residence.

THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS comprehensive funding for the core costs associated with your studies.

It covers tuition for a one-year Honours degree or a two-year Masters degree in any field at a recognised South African institution of higher education. This includes tuition and registration fees, allowances for study materials, research, and medical aid, accommodation and meals, and economy class travel to and from your home country to your South African university at the beginning and end of your degree. You will also receive a personal allowance.

**Could you be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar?**



## Could you be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar?

Our programmes are built on our four founding principles of Reconciliation, Education, Entrepreneurship and Leadership. When we select Mandela Rhodes Scholars, we look for candidates who aspire to embody these characteristics. Do they resonate with you? Learn about the [characteristics sought in a Mandela Rhodes Scholar](#).

### Reconciliation

Do you admire Nelson Mandela's ability to bridge historic divides through our common humanity? Do you believe that reconciliation and reparation are the key to transforming our societies so that everyone has equal opportunity to thrive? And are you prepared to begin by grappling with your own internal divides and difficulties first?

### Education

Do you have excellent academic results but believe that your education should not only benefit you but make a difference for others? And do you understand that intellectual excellence must be accompanied by character and a rounded personality?

### Entrepreneurship

Do you want to see Africa take its rightful place as an equal and competitive presence in the global world? Have you demonstrated individual effort, innovation and creativity to this end?

### Leadership

Do you aspire to be a visionary leader who has moral authority? Do you see leadership as more than just personal ambition - as a way to pursue the advancement of equality and freedom, human rights and human dignity? And do you want to guide and inspire others to reach their full potential?

# Am I eligible?



## Eligibility criteria

If you are between the ages of 19 and 29, are a citizen of any African country, and have a first degree with above average academic results (70% + for South African universities and Upper Second Class Honours for other African universities), you are eligible to apply for the scholarship.



## Selection criteria

We look for young Africans who have **demonstrated the potential** to embody our founding principles of reconciliation, education, entrepreneurship, and leadership. You must have already assumed leadership and made an impact on your campus or community.



## Potential for growth

To benefit from our programme you must be curious about doing the personal, internal work of leadership. This means a commitment to developing self-awareness by engaging with difficult parts of yourself, an openness to learning from the diversity and differences in your cohort, and a willingness to explore and embrace complexity within yourself, others, and the systems around you.

# FAQs

## Funding and Finances

What costs are covered? ↓

What costs are not covered? ↓

How do the finances work? ↓

## Passports and visas

I do not have the means to acquire a passport, can you assist me? ↓

Does the MRF provide support and assistance with my visa process? ↓

## The application process and timeline

How do I apply? ↓

What is the application deadline? ↓

Do I apply for SAQA verification now? ↓

## Studies and university acceptance

Do I have to apply to

## Eligibility questions

Do I need straight As? ↓

Is there an age limit? ↓

## Questions about the programme

How long is the tenure ↓

a university  
before  
completing  
the  
application  
form? ↓

Does the  
MRF apply  
to the  
university  
for me? ↓

How do I  
know if I  
meet the  
entry  
requirements  
for the  
course I  
want to  
complete in  
South Africa?

I am not  
South  
African. Am  
I eligible? ↓

Which  
universities  
and  
degrees do  
you  
support? ↓

Do you fund  
undergraduate  
study?

What if I am  
still finishing  
my  
undergraduate  
degree?

of the  
Scholarship? ↓

Is it  
mandatory  
to  
participate  
in the  
leadership  
development  
workshops? ↓

## Apply now

Our selections timeline runs from March to November of each year, for the following year's

intake. Applications open in mid-March and close in mid-April. You will apply online, and access our application platform through our website.

APPLICATIONS ARE  
**CLOSED**

APPLICATIONS RE-OPEN IN  
**MARCH 2021**

## Step 1: Check the timeline



- **March:** Applications open in mid-March. Candidates can add recommenders on the platform and begin uploading their documentation and working on their personal essays. See the next tabs for requirements.
- **April:** Applications close in mid-April. No late or incomplete applications will be accepted under any circumstances.
- **June:** You will be notified by the end of June whether or not you are through to Round Two. July: You will be notified by the end of July whether or not you are through to Round Three.
- **August:** You will be notified by the end of August if you are invited for an interview in the Final Round, or if you have been unsuccessful.
- **October:** If you are in the final round and you are based outside South Africa, you will be flown in for an in-person interview with our selection committee. You will be notified by the end of October if you are selected as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar.
- **October-December:** Selected Mandela Rhodes Scholars must do their best to secure acceptance at their university of choice, and their study visa for travel to South Africa in January.

## Step 2: Check programme requirements



**Tip: Take the quiz to see if the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship is for you.**



### Participation

The leadership development programme is



### Feedback and updates

primarily delivered through a series of 5-day residential workshops. Attendance is compulsory. **Committing to full participation in the programme activities** - which may take place during the week or on weekends - **is a condition of the scholarship**. There will be three workshops in your first year in residence (in January, July and September), and two in your second year (in March and August) if you are on a two-year programme. The dates are given well in advance so that you can avoid clashes with your academic timetable.

We will periodically ask that you complete feedback forms and reflections so that we can improve our offerings. Completing these timeously is a requirement, and an important component of your own learning. After the scholarship we will periodically request updates and details so that we can report on our impact and keep in touch with you.



### **Respect the conditions of tenure**

You must accept the scholarship for the year that it is offered - it cannot be deferred. You must have secured admission to your university of choice by January of your year in residence. **You must attend and participate in all activities of the leadership development programme, and travel outside South Africa, even for research purposes, will not be accepted as a reason for absence.** You must maintain high standards of work and conduct. You may not hold other scholarships and funded opportunities. You may not do paid work for more than 12 hours a week. You must uphold the values, principles and standards of the Foundation, and if you do not the MRF may cease payments to you and end your participation in the programme.

Read the [terms and conditions of the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship](#).

## Step 3: Get your documents ready



- **Recommenders:** We require three letters of recommendation as part of your application. Your recommenders must submit their letters through our application platform. **Without these letters, you cannot submit your application.** Get in touch with three people who have relevant experience of you and insight into your character as soon as possible - even before applications open - to ask them permission and give them time to write their letters. Once you register a recommender on the platform, they will receive an email asking them to log on and upload their letter.
- **Documentation:** You will be required to upload certificates of completion for your degrees, transcripts of your academic results, and scans of your ID and passport documents.
- **Essays:** You will be asked to write two short essays, one on your personal journey, and one on a specific question relating to our principles.
- **Application for university\*:** You will be asked to fill in your proposed course of study on your application. We do not require proof that you have applied, but we recommend that you apply as soon as possible, and to more than one university.

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\* Each country has its own framework for registering and rating qualification levels. In South Africa, this is managed by the South African Qualifications Agency (SAQA). SAQA accreditation can take 4-8 weeks, which can delay your acceptance to university and thus your study visa to South Africa. To ensure that you will be accepted for your chosen programme, we highly recommend that you find out as soon as possible what the National Qualification Framework (NQF) requirements for your course are, and whether your qualifications meet these requirements. Masters programmes in South Africa may require several years of work or clinical experience as an admission requirement. It is your responsibility to check if you will be accepted to the course, and apply for backup options.

**Ready? Let's go!**

Applications are closed. Subscribe below for updates.

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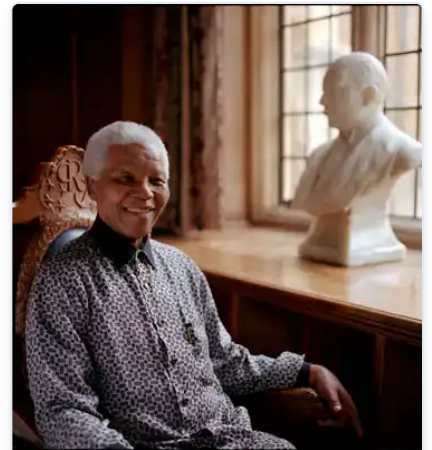
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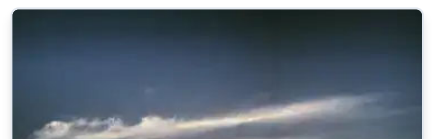
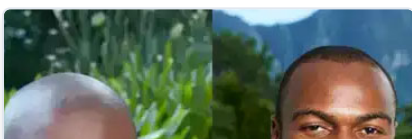
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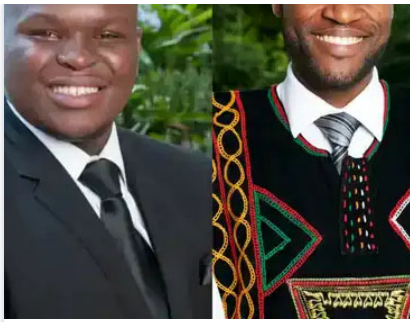
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**Lessons from Nelson Mandela on reconciliation, reparation, and the path to prosperity**





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## Introducing the Shaun Johnson Memorial Scholars of 2020



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## Re-Imagining African Agency in Times of Crisis: join our Africa Day Webinar



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## Decolonisation starts at home: An inter-generational dialogue



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## MRF Founding Executive Director Shaun Johnson passes away





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## TERMS & CONDITIONS OF THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

### 1. General Terms & Conditions of the Scholarships Programme

A Mandela Rhodes Scholarship enables a Scholar to study at a South African-located tertiary institution registered with the South African Council of Higher Education (and approved by the MRF) for an accredited postgraduate degree programme. The Scholarship is currently awarded for either a one year Honours or an up to two years Master's degree, or their academic equivalents.

Mandela Rhodes Scholars shall:

- Adhere to the principles and goals of the Scholarships Programme.
- Attend Leadership Development Workshops and Pods as offered by the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships Programme, on dates to be advised. **Attendance is a condition of accepting the Scholarship**, unless there are exceptional circumstances agreed to by the Foundation. Additionally, Scholars completing a 2 year Master's Programme are required to fully participate in the Second Year Programme activities during their second year in Residence.
- Be offered access to a Mentoring Programme (optional for the Scholar).
- According to the current policy of the MRF, be younger than 30 years of age at the time of taking up the Scholarship; be in possession of a first degree; and be a citizen of an African country.

### 2. Conditions of tenure

- The continued holding of the Scholarship is dependent on the Scholar upholding the values, principles and standards of the MRF, as well as the maintenance of evidence-based, high standards of work and conduct determined by the Trustees and/or the Foundation.
- Where Scholars are in breach of such standards, values and principles for any reason, the Foundation may cease payments to and participation in the Programme by the Scholar.

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- Other Scholarships may not be held in conjunction with a Mandela Rhodes Scholarship. If offered any additional funding please communicate directly with Ernst ([Ernst@mrf.org.za](mailto:Ernst@mrf.org.za))
- This Scholarship is for full time study only and may not be held simultaneously with paying work that exceeds a maximum of 12 hours per week. In such cases the Foundation must be kept fully informed on the nature and terms of the additional work, and give its consent.

### **3. Financial scope of the Scholarship**

The Scholarship covers the cost of a Scholar as follows:

- Tuition and registration fees as set by the institution
- A study materials allowance as set by the MRF
- Accommodation and meal allowances as set by the MRF
- A Medical Aid allowance as set by the MRF
- Economy-class travel allowance for international Scholars only from the Scholar's home to their institution at the beginning and end of their degree
- Personal allowance

*Scholars must note the following:*

Allowances are paid twice a year, conditional on providing proof of registration or acceptance, and receipt of the progress report from the institution no later than two weeks after the start of the second semester.

Tuition and registration fees are paid directly to the institution, while other allowances are administered according to MRF policies for that year.

Any amount due to or owed by a student prior to their becoming a Mandela Rhodes Scholar, shall be the sole responsibility of the student, and the MRF will not become involved in any way.

### **4. Rebates**

The MRF pays fees as set out above in clause B3, as invoiced to the Scholar by their institution. As a clear principle, where a Scholar receives a rebate, the MRF will not refund the Scholar the amount of the rebate.

### **5. Institutional transfers**

A Scholar may not change their institution of study from that indicated on their application unless in exceptional circumstances, and explicitly approved by the MRF.

#### **6. Interaction with donors**

Specific donors underwrite some Mandela Rhodes Scholarships. Some donors wish to interact with Scholars and are invited to do so on the understanding that the Scholar may determine the level of interactions. Reasonable requests received in good time should be acceded to where possible, and should they be declined it is the responsibility of the Scholar to supply reasons on time. On taking up a Scholarship, Scholars will be informed of relevant details regarding the particular funder, if applicable.

#### **7. Failure to comply with degree requirements**

Should a Scholar fail to comply with the requirements for continued study in the course for which they are registered, financial support from the MRF will cease.

#### **8. Requirements to supply personal updates**

In accepting a Mandela Rhodes Scholarship, Scholars undertake to reply timeously and comprehensively each year, during their period in Residence and thereafter, to a written request conveyed electronically to them by the MRF for an update of personal details. These details are required for the maintenance of an up-to-date database, and for use in the MRF's Yearbook, website and other digital platforms.

#### **9. Limitation of liability**

The MRF takes no responsibility for bodily injury, sickness, accident or death of Mandela Rhodes Scholars. It is up to Mandela Rhodes Scholars to provide for their own insurance needs.